



Mt. Vernon Township High School District #201
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
May 21, 2012
7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by President Carl Miller who led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members answering roll call were: Kim Alvis, Greg Backes, Cynthia Davis, Jon Hawthorne, Robert Stewart and Carl Miller. Absent member was Karen Goodwine. Also present were Superintendent Mike Smith, Principal Wes Olson, Assistant Principal Rob Pipher, Board Secretary Shirilyn Holt, media and guests.

Reports of Committees

A. Finance Committee

Treasurer's Report - April 30, 2012

Beginning checking balance of \$4,203,139.93
Revenue of \$1,087,169.49
Payroll and Benefits \$742,404.77
Bills \$324,580.53
TAW Payment \$0
Total Expenditures of \$ 1,066,985.30
Transfers \$0
PMA Investment Transfer of \$0
Ending checking balance April 30, 2012 of \$ 4,223,324.12
Ending savings and investments April 30, 2012 of \$ 2,400,827.67
Total cash balance April 30, 2012 of \$ 6,624,151.79
Total outstanding liabilities April 30, 2012 of \$ 225,176.92
Total unencumbered fund balance April 30, 2012 of \$ 6,849,328.71

Activity Funds – April 30, 2012

Activity fund beginning balance of \$ 182,183.26
Revenue of \$ 18,381.24
Expenditures of \$ 20,493.83
Ending balance April 30, 2012 of \$ 180,070.67

Vocational Account – April 30, 2012

Activity fund beginning balance of \$ 250,069.89
Revenue of \$ 8,394.92
Expenditures of \$ 268.70
Ending balance April 30, 2012 of \$ 258,196.11

Financial Reports – Bills and Payroll

Bills were reviewed by the finance committee in an amount of \$312,113.79. The P-Card procurements for April, 2012 are \$9,432.47. Payroll for May 04, 2012 was \$76,314.30 which included \$9,973.85 above contracted amounts.

Finance director Angie Brentlinger stated the corrected amount for bills was \$312,000.21 due to extra mileage cost.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 11, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

B. Committee of the Whole: Special Board Meeting

The committee members and board members met on May 15, 2012 and discussed collective bargaining matters with representatives of the teacher's association.

The next meeting will be for Policy Revision discussions and is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, June 12, at 4:30 p.m.

PUBLIC INPUT – There was no public input.

STAFF INPUT

Special Education Teacher Megan Clodi spoke regarding the end of year Special Olympics. She also mentioned a trip to Bloomington for Special Olympics. The material had been included in the board packet information. The Board stated they agreed the chaperons and staff would take the trip scheduled for June 15th through June 17th.

BOARD INPUT – There was no board input.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Principal Report

Principal Olson mentioned the letter that had been included with the board packet.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Smith spoke on the following information:

- On-going contracts with FGM;
- Health Insurance Committee Meetings;
- The American School House Council which is a national design group;
- Visiting model schools;
- End of year reports with improvement goals;
- The State evaluation process.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. April 16, 2012 Regular Meeting Open Session Minutes

B. Amended Action Item of April 16, 2012: *Action approved the permanent abatement of \$1,560,487.85 from the Working Cash Fund to Fund 60 which is the newly established Site and Construction Fund. These monies are the bond proceeds sold in March as part of the voter approved referendum. They are to be used for site acquisition and or construction of the new school. The dollars were temporarily placed in Working Cash Fund as the Site and Construction Fund had not yet been officially established at the time of receipt of the money. The change in the dollar amount of transfer is based on auditor and treasurer recommendation which was discussed in the finance committee meeting of May 14, 2012.*

C. HOSA National Leadership Conference

Action approved a HOSA student and staff to attend the National Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida on June 19-24, 2012.

D. Resignations

Action approved the resignations of Family Consumer Science Teacher, Freshmen Girls Basketball Coach and FCCLA co-advisor Kayla Worker, English Teacher Erin Livengood, Study Hall Monitor John Moore, Stacey Hulbert as co-sponsor of the Math Team, and Leslie Metcalf Co-Cheerleading Coach.

E. Retirements

Action approved the retirement of Math Teacher Paula Pulley, Spanish Teacher Andrea Hedin, and Administrative Assistant Shirilyn Holt effective the end of the 2015-2016 school year under the terms and conditions as presented.

F. Prevailing Wage Resolution

A resolution provided by the Regional Office of Education had been included in the board packet. The district is required annually to adopt such a resolution and publish a notice indicating that adoption.

G. Treasurer's Report April 2012

Action on this item approved the April 2012 treasurer's report as reviewed by the finance committee.

H. Financial Reports and Bills April 2012

Action on this item approved the financial report, bills, and payroll as corrected by the finance committee.

Motion was made by Davis and seconded by Stewart to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Davis, Stewart, Alvis, Backes, Hawthorne, Miller Absent: Goodwine)

ACTION ITEMS

Summer Projects

Action approved summer projects as presented on the list which was included in the board packet.

Motion was made by Alvis and seconded by Davis to approve summer projects as presented.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Alvis, Davis, Backes, Hawthorne, Stewart, Miller Absent: Goodwine)

Summer Employment

Action approved David Kingsley for the bookroom.

Action approved Clay Jackson for the bookroom.

Action approved Tanner Hanson for custodial assistant.

Action approved Dustin Ing for custodial assistant.

Action approved Dakota Ilbery for custodial assistant

*Action approved Avery Barton for technology assistant.
Action approved Jagger Ellis for technology assistant.*

Motion was made by Backes and seconded by Stewart to approve the summer employment as presented.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Backes, Stewart, Alvis, Davis, Hawthorne, Miller Absent: Goodwine)

Resolution Authorizing or Reauthorizing Participation in the Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus.

Action approved authorizing participation in the Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus. This is the investment fund managed by PMA. The district already participates with PMA, but this new resolution will allow the move forward for the investment of bond and construction grant dollars for new construction.

Motion was made by Backes and seconded by Davis to approve participation in the Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus as presented.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Backes, Davis, Alvis, Hawthorne, Stewart, Miller Absent: Goodwine)

Authorization for Release of Request for Proposals for Underwriting Services Regarding Sale of Tax Exempt General Obligation Building Bonds

Action approves the Authorization for Release of Request for Proposals for Underwriting Services Regarding Sale of Tax Exempt General Obligation Building Bonds as discussed in the Finance Meeting of May 14, 2012.

Motion was made by Davis and seconded by Stewart to approve the authorization for release of request for proposals for underwriting services regarding sale of tax exempt general obligation building bonds in an amount of 14 million dollars as presented.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Davis, Stewart, Alvis, Backes, Hawthorne, Miller Absent: Goodwine)

Establishment of a Special Board Meeting for the Purpose of Approval of General Obligation Building Bond Sale and Amended Budget Adoption

Action approved the Establishment of a Special Board Meeting for the Purpose of Approval of General Obligation Building Bond Sale.

Motion was made by Backes and seconded by Davis to approve the establishment of a special board meeting on Monday June 25th, 2012 for the purpose of approval of the sale of up to 14 million dollars of general obligation building bonds as outlined in the Request for Proposal presented.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Backes, Davis, Alvis, Hawthorne, Stewart, Miller Absent: Goodwine)

Transportation Service Contract Bid Approval

Action approved the awarding of a three year contract to provide transportation services to the district. Bid proposals were reviewed at the Finance Committee meeting on May 14, 2012. The winning bid was Peterman/Beck Bus Service. The name of this company will be changing to Durham School Services.

Motion was made by Alvis and seconded by Davis to approve a three year contract with Durham School Services to provide transportation service to Mt. Vernon High School District 201 under the terms and conditions as presented.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Davis, Stewart, Alvis, Backes, Hawthorne, Miller Absent: Goodwine)

Tentative Amended Budget 2012 and Notice of Public Hearing

Action approved the tentative amended budget 2012 to be placed on public display for the next 30 days and a notice of public hearing for adoption of the 2012 amended budget on June 25, 2012.

Motion was made by Davis and seconded by Backes to approve the tentative amended budget 2012 to be placed on public display and a notice of public hearing to be held on June 25, 2012 at 6:45 p.m. for the purpose of discussion and adoption of the 2012 amended budget.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Davis, Backes, Alvis, Hawthorne, Stewart, Miller Absent: Goodwine)

Waiver to Allow for Student Attendance on February 12, Lincoln's Birthday

Action approved modifying by recorded board action Section 24-2 which requires observance of all holidays listed in this section. The board action would be to remove February 12, the birthday of President Abraham Lincoln as a legal holiday. This modification will allow the District to have students in attendance for instruction in all curriculum areas on February 12, and allow the District to commemorate the birthday of President Abraham Lincoln with a unit of instruction on his contributions to American society and culture.

Motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Alvis to approve modifying Section 24-2 and remove February 12, the birthday of President Abraham Lincoln as a legal holiday. This will allow the District to have students in attendance for instruction in all curriculum areas on February 12.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Stewart, Alvis, Davis, Backes, Hawthorne, Miller Absent: Goodwine)

Employment of Personnel

Action approved the employment of Savannah Harrell for the position of Color Guard/Drill Team Instructor for the 2012-2013 school year.

Motion was made by Backes and seconded by Alvis to approve Savannah Harrell for the position of Color Guard/Drill Team Instructor for the 2012-2013 school year.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Backes, Alvis, Davis, Hawthorne, Stewart, Miller Absent: Goodwine).

Action approved the employment of Elizabeth Hileman for the position of English Teacher for the 2012-2013 school year.

Motion was made by Backes and seconded by Davis to approve Elizabeth Hileman for the position of English Teacher for the 2012-2013 school year.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Backes, Davis, Alvis, Hawthorne, Stewart, Miller Absent: Goodwine).

Action approved the employment of Jessica Gamber for the position of Math Teacher for the 2012-2013 school year.

Motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Davis to approve Jessica Gamber for the position of Math Teacher for the 2012-2013 school year.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Stewart, Davis, Alvis, Backes, Hawthorne, Miller Absent: Goodwine).

Action approved the employment of Dustin Foster for the position of Math Teacher for the 2012-2013 school year.

Motion was made by Backes and seconded by Alvis to approve Dustin Foster for the position of Math Teacher for the 2012-2013 school year.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Backes, Alvis, Davis, Hawthorne, Stewart, Miller Absent: Goodwine).

Action approved the employment of Lisa Koerkenmeier for the position of Guidance Counselor for the 2012-2013 school year.

Motion was made by Davis and seconded by Backes to approve Lisa Koerkenmeier for the position of Guidance Counselor for the 2012-2013 school year.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Davis, Backes, Alvis, Hawthorne, Stewart, Miller Absent: Goodwine).

Action approved the employment of KayCee Hale for the position of Freshman Lady Rams Basketball Coach for the 2012-2013 school year.

Motion was made by Backes and seconded by Davis to approve KayCee Hale for the position of Freshman Lady Rams Basketball Coach for the 2012-2013 school year.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Backes, Davis, Alvis, Hawthorne, Stewart, Miller Absent: Goodwine).

Action approved the employment of Rashod Seaton for the position of English Teacher for the 2012-2013 school year.

Motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Backes to approve Rashod Seaton for the position of English Teacher for the 2012-2013 school year.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Stewart, Backes, Alvis, Davis, Hawthorne, Miller Absent: Goodwine).

Contract for Services: Neikirk Engineering LLC of Mt. Carmel, IL

Action approved entering into a contract in the amount of \$11,500.00 with Neikirk Engineering LLC to perform the following services: Boundary Survey, Topographic Survey, Existing Improvements Survey, Utility Survey, and Existing Conditions Drawings.

Motion was made by Davis and seconded by Stewart to approve a contract in the amount of \$11,500.00 for Neikirk Engineering, LLC of Mt. Carmel, IL for survey and engineering work on the new high school site.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Davis, Stewart, Alvis, Backes, Hawthorne, Miller Absent: Goodwine).

Executive Session

Motion was made by Backes and seconded by Alvis to approve moving into executive closed session at 8:05 p.m. in accordance with school board policy 2:220 – E2 items # 1, the appointment, employment compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee for the District to determine its validity: 5 ILSC 120/2(c)(1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057;

The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)

The Placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. 5 ILSC 120/2(c)(10).

Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)

The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10).

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Backes, Alvis, Davis, Hawthorne, Stewart, Miller Absent: Goodwine).

Open Session

Motion was made by Davis and seconded by Stewart to approve moving into open session at 9:46 p.m.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Davis, Stewart, Alvis, Backes, Hawthorne, Miller Absent: Goodwine).

Adjournment

Motion was made by Backes and seconded by Alvis to approve adjourning the meeting at 9:47 p.m.

All members presented voted aye and the meeting was adjourned.

Carl Miller, Board President

Shirilyn Holt, Board Secretary

Date